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SUBJ: WHALING IN PERU

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1. EMBASSY HAS DISCUSSED ON INFORMAL BASIS PERUVIAN WHALING
ACTIVITIES WITH APPROPRIATE GOP OFFICIALS AS REQUESTED REF A,
URGING THAT PERU JOIN IWC. ECON/COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR, ACCOM-
PANIED BY ECON/COMM OFFICER, RAISED SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN
MINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, JUAN DE LA PIEDRA,
DURING CALL APRIL 12. EARLIER, ON APRIL 6, ECON/COMM OFFICER
DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH ALVARO DE SOTO, FOREIGN MINISTRY'S
LAW OF SEA AND MARITIME SOVEREIGNTY OFFICER, WHO HAD ALREADY
RECEIVED MATERIAL ON WHALES FROM PERU'S WASHINGTON EMBASSY.
ECON OFFICER ALSO CALLED ON VICE MINISTER OF FISHERIES,
DR. J.J. CARDENAS, TO ADVISE ABOUT INITIATION OF PROCEDURES
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WITHIN USG WHICH MAY LEAD TO EMBARGO OF PERUVIAN FISH PRODUCTS
AND URGE THAT PERU GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO JOINING IWC.
ALL CONTACTS HAVE BEEN LOW KEY AND INFORMAL IN RECOGNITION OF
PERUVIAN SENSITIVITY TO APPEARANCE OF UNDUE PRESSURE.

2. ALL PERUVIAN OFFICIALS SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN
SUBJECT AND SAID THAT MATTER WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS CON-

SIDERATION. CARDENAS INDICATED THAT HE HAD ALSO BEEN INFORMED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY OF REPRESENTATION MADE TO PERU'S WASHINGTON EMBASSY. BOTH HE AND DE SOTO STATED THAT PERU FAVORED CONSERVATION PROGRAMS FOR ALL MARINE SPECIES, WHICH IS WHY PERU JOINED WITH CHILE AND ECUADOR IN FORMING PERMANENT SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION (PSPC). BOTH MEN POINTED OUT THAT PERU HAD ENFORCED CONSERVATION PROVISIONS SET FORTH BY PSPC AS EXAMPLE OF PERU'S DESIRE TO PROTECT WHALES AND OTHER SEA ANIMALS.

3. ON OTHER HAND, CARDENAS NOTED THAT IN RECENT YEARS PERU HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING TO FOSTER HUMAN CONSUMPTION OF FISHING PRODUCTS (INCLUDING WHALEMEAT), AND THIS FACTOR WOULD ALSO ENTER DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO JOIN IWC. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, CARDENAS SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT PERU'S MEMBERSHIP IN PSPC WOULD BE IMPEDIMENT TO JOINING IWC.

4. CARDENAS SAID THAT PERU HAD RECEIVED INVITATION IN FEBRUARY TO JOIN IWC AND THAT RESPONSIBLE PERUVIAN AGENCIES WERE CURRENTLY STUDYING PROS AND CONS OF JOINING. HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT PROSPECTS WERE GOOD FOR A FAVORABLE DECISION, BUT HE EXPRESSED MISGIVINGS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF URTEAGA (REF B) THAT APPEARANCE OF US PRESSURE MIGHT PRODUCE ADVERSE DECISION. CARDENAS SAID HE EXPECTED GOP DECISION ON IWC MEMBERSHIP COULD COME WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS.

5. SINCE CARDENAS MENTIONED THAT PERUVIAN INSTITUTO DEL MAR WOULD HAVE INPUT IN GOP DECISION, ECON OFF DISCUSSED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBJECT WITH AMERICAN CITIZEN SCIENTIST WORKING AT THE INSTITUTE. THIS CONTACT AGREED TO TRY TO INFLUENCE INSTITUTE'S RECOMMENDATION TO GOP BY STRESSING NEED FOR CONSERVATION OF WHALES AND WITHOUT MENTIONING USG INTEREST AND POSSIBILITY OF PELLY AMENDMENT SANCTIONS.

6. COMMENT: IN LIGHT USG REPRESENTATIONS BOTH IN WASHINGTON AND LIMA, GOP CERTAINLY AWARE OF OUR INTEREST IN ITS JOINING IWC AND POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF IT NOT DOING SO. WHILE IT IS STILL UNCLEAR HOW PERU WILL MOVE ON THIS QUESTION, WE SHARE URTEAGA AND CARDENAS' MISGIVINGS THAT "US PRESSURE" MAY CAUSE ADVERSE REACTION WITHIN GOP. CONSEQUENTLY WE PLAN TO HOLD OFF FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS AT THIS TIME.
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